

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1068 without my signature.

This bill prohibits signature gathering contracts from being contingent upon a measure qualifying for the ballot. The purported goal of this measure is to discourage fraudulent signature gathering practices. However, this type of contract does not have a direct correlation to fraudulent activities by signature gatherers.

While I appreciate the proponents' concerns with how the initiative process is sometimes used, this bill targets companies that use a business strategy based on their guarantee of success. I cannot support limiting how proponents of a measure negotiate a contract for gathering signatures.

For this reason I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger